

Church News.

AFLOAT.

I am now in W. Virginia, engaged with a protracted effort on Rock Camp. We have a few members here who joined in the spring. They belong to the newly organized church at Toll Gate, Ritchie County. Can't tell what the Lord will do for us this time, as we began preaching yesterday. The congregation is as large as could be desired, and more than can be accommodated. I do not expect to remain long in this state, but I shall be busy. The West Virginia hills are rugged, but the hearts of the people are even.

Before leaving Pennsylvania I visited the Dale. I am not surprised that our present editor was slow to forsake his beautiful home at the foot of the Allegheny mountains, and I believe our church can give him but a poor reward for the sacrifice. Neither money nor popularity will recompense a man for the loss of that which his heart holds sacred—the home of a happy childhood.

MARY M. STERLING.

FROM N. SOLOMON CHURCH.

Saturday Nov. 18, the Brethren of the North Solomon Church held their quarterly Council Meeting. Everything passing off in love. Brother A. B. Rath's letter was handed in at this meeting and he was universally accepted a brother among us, hoping that God may grant that he may be of great use to the Master and the church. We are still moving along slowly. We hope by some means to obtain some one to hold a protracted meeting for us some time this winter, but having suffered the loss of our crop this year, we are financially crippled at present. It is very dry at present; the out door being somewhat discouraging, we are not taking as many of the church papers as we ought to, but expect to send some names along to those that do not take the paper. Let me say you loose a great deal. Our paper is a preacher itself. Many times when times of discouragements were over us, by looking in the papers we received new life by reading something of some kind brother or sister, that would make us hope to meet them in the kingdom where troubles will cease forever. Above all things let us try and keep in the narrow path that leads to life. Let us remember that the tempter as a roaring lion roaming about seeking whom he may devour. Every little thing we allow ourselves to do that is wrong, only nourishes us in the wrong direction and the longer we travel that way, the surer will we be conquered. If we are weak God will give us strength to resist, we must ask and pray believing and we will receive grace to stand in the time of need. Pray for us and the cause at this place,

G. J. Walters.

FROM DUNLAPS, IND.

As our meetings have closed at Dunlap, I will give you a brief report. Brother Talley started for Ashland last evening, and I suppose he has started for his home ere this reaches its destination. Although we had but one accession we feel greatly encouraged, and we all feel a grand work has been done for the Master. We have always had a great deal of opposition at Dunlap, but we are fighting hard for the right. I am sure if we trust in the Lord we will come out victorious. While brother Talley was with us we organized a King's Children Society with forty-two members.

Our hearts were made sad by the death of sister Anna McDowell last Tuesday morning. Brother Talley preached the funeral assisted by brother Kulp of the G. B. B.

While brother Talley was with us he gave us some very powerful sermons, the good seed has been sown, and we hope and pray we may reap the harvest in the future.

MRS A. R. BEMENDERER.

FROM DUNLAPS IND.

Last night brother J. O. Talley of Milledgeville, Ill., closed a three weeks' meeting at Dunlap Chapel with one accession to the church by baptism. I thought we had all the bad weather there was in the country it was rain and snow, and snow, and rain. Three times we were rained out entirely, but when we had reasonably good weather we had good crowds. The people were anxious to hear the Word preached in its primitive purity, and brother Talley is able to give it to us in that way. We learned a great many things we never knew before.

There was a number almost persuaded to become Christians but put it off a little longer. Oh, may they see the error of their way and come soon. During our meeting we held an election for a minister, the lot fell on brother A. R. Bemenderfer who has been superintendent of our Sunday school in our church, for some time. May the Lord bless the brother in the new responsibilities now resting upon him.

We also held an election for two deacons and the lot fell on brethren F. W. Cline and P. H. Heller. We also organized a King's Children Society with forty-two members to start with, so you see, brother editor we are fully equipped for church work. (We are glad, indeed. Ed.)

But the saddest part for the present at least, is for me to tell you that this morning one of our dear sisters left this world of sorrow. (Disease typhoid fever of which the neighborhood is full and was a hindrance to our meetings.) May the good Lord comfort the bereaved family, and may we all live and square our lives with the Gospel of our dear Lord and Master so that we may one day be the happy recipient of one of

those mansions which the blessed Lord has prepared for all those who love his appearing and his kingdom.

N. A. FRAME.

MOVING TO ASHLAND.

Duty and necessity seemed to demand that we move to Ashland. My wife to take charge of the Boarding Hall and I solicit for the College. It is no small sacrifice to leave a pleasant home and kind friends to enter upon the duties that we are required to perform. But for the sake of the cause we love and the success and welfare of the church and Ashland College, is the only inducement for us to make this sacrifice.

It is indeed no small matter to leave home at the approach of winter and travel from house to house and ask people for money. This is the dark side of the picture. There is also a bright side and that is to visit our brethren in their homes to extend our acquaintance and the consciousness that we are engaged in a noble work and having the sympathies and prayers of our brethren and sisters whose servants we are and whose cause we represent.

We are now two weeks at Ashland and are about settled down to business. We find here plenty of good company. The school is progressing and growing in interest and in numbers.

The church, Sunday school, prayer-meeting and good preaching. In fact it is good to be here. Things look very promising and I am hopeful for the future success of Ashland College, by our united efforts and God's help we can make it a great blessing for good.

JOSIAH KEIM.

THE PHILADELPHIA MEETING.

Our protracted meeting closed to-night with a glorious communion service. We had the most spiritual revival we have had since we came to Philadelphia.

The largest ingathering and also the largest communion service. We baptized thirteen. One a school teacher from near Lancaster, Pa, was converted through the teachings of brother Piper, also one who was a convert of brother Foutz, of Germantown. We hope by and by to have four or five Brethren preachers in Philadelphia who will help push on our glorious work. It is wonderful how extensively our principles are being advertised here in the city. There are four or five mission points here of which the leaders believe in trine immersion and the other ordinances of the christian church.

We are going to have monthly meetings, with those mission dues for the purpose of greater union and to push on the glorious Gospel Alone principles. We believe the time is rapidly approaching when instead of one there will be three, four or possibly more Brethren churches in our city.

There are preachers here who want nothing but the Gospel. If we can prove that we can advocate the Gospel, no more nor less, they will unite with us. It will take a little time but they are seeing more and more clearly that we have the truth. Two of these trine immersion preachers communed with us to-night, and enjoyed it very much. We forbid them not for they who are not against us are for us. Glory to his name!

Thirteen already baptized, five not yet baptized, two have been baptized some time ago by trine immersion joined in with us, one made application by letter, two others made application to-night to come by relation, and also a Conservative brother from the country spent Sunday with us, and after talking over the difference, he said, "I will go home and immediately write a letter of dismissal and then unite with you." Yes, and brother Snyder from Morrison's Cove, who is studying medicine here, also handed us his letter for membership.

Of those twenty-four, possibly some two, three, or at the outside four, may not join in with us; one is opposed by friends, another told me that he was not sure yet that he would unite with us, also another very sincere girl says she has not yet been able to find that peace at heart she would like before baptism. We are safe in an estimate of twenty additions.

This is at least double what I had anticipated. We praise his holy name for the abundant blessings bestowed.

We consider this a great work here where we must fight for every inch of ground.

My prayer to God is that at this love feast we all may have caught enough fire additional to make this special revival the beginning of an all winter revival of religion and ingathering. I love these revivals that are kept up the year around Brethren, we here have great responsibilities resting upon us, do remember us, pray earnestly for our cause here.

Lovingly your brother in Christ,
ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

THE WARSAW CHURCH.

I was called to Warsaw for two reasons. First, to deliver five lectures for the King's Children. Second, to preach some doctrinal sermons. Both objects were accomplished, notwithstanding the work opened in the midst of a bad snow storm. I found the church desired a series of meetings, but my throat failed me owing to a severe cold settling there I was obliged to leave work, just when congregations were large, and interest deep. Am now at home recruiting. Brother C. F. Yoder is pastor, and has the confidence of his congregation, a working people, who mean business for Christ: more about them.

D. McFADEN.